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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY				Docket No. BTO019USPT01
Serial No. 09/264,762		Filing Date March 9, 1999	Examiner Sotomayor, John	Art Unit No. 3714
Applicant:	Jurmain			
Invention:	DEVICE FOR SIMULATING SOME ASPECTS OF CIGARETTE USE			

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

A Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed with the USPTO in connection with the abovereferenced patent application on May 18, 2004. It has been more than 13 months since that Supplemental
Brief was filed and Applicant has not received the Examiner's Answer to date. An initial status inquiry was
transmitted on February 9, 2005. No response has been received to date. Counsel for Applicant then
contacted Examiner John Sotomayer by telephone on May 19, 2005 and was advised that the matter was on
his docket but he was unable to access the file. He indicated that he would check on the matter and call
back. No return phone call has been received to date. Applicant respectfully requests a status update on the
long overdue Examiner's Answer.

Respectfully submitted,

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